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Robert W. Steingass et al.

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For: Pivoting Fluid Conduit Joint and One-Way Brake

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (*Ex parte Quayle*) DATED JUNE 27, 2007**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action (*Ex parte Quayle*) mailed on June 27, 2007. The initial due date for response was set for two months after the mailing date of the Action, or August 27, 2007. Applicants are submitting a one month extension of time with this Response, extending the due date to September 27, 2007. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

The present application is in condition for allowance except that the present application is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 6,305,621, which is expired for delayed payment of the maintenance fee. Applicant filed a Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent on May 9, 2007 and paid the outstanding maintenance fee, and any required extra fees. Applicant called the Office of Petitions on August 29, 2007 and was advised it would be at least another month before the Petition was reviewed. Applicant will keep the Examiner advised on the status of the Petition.

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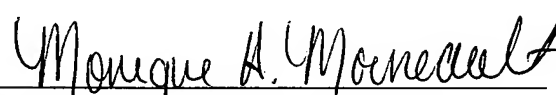
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